



Frederick County Sustainability Commission

Meeting Minutes for

9/20/17



FCSC Attendees: Tom Anderson, Kathy Kinsey, Tim Jones, Jennifer Bird, Ron Kaltenbaugh, Elizabeth Peterson, Joe Richardson

Rachel Armistead (via telephone)

OSER: Lisa Orr, Basit Bangash, Kim Campbell

Public: Annie Jones, Susan Simonson (Hood College Green Neighbor Forum), Mark Sanke

I. Welcome and Introductions

- A. The Chair (Ron Kaltenbaugh) opened the meeting and welcomed all FCSC members and guests.

II. Vice Chair items

- A. Approval of August Meeting Minutes.
 - 1. Approval of August Meeting Minutes. Kathy made a motion to accept the minutes. Tim seconded the motion.

III. Green Neighbor Forum

- A. Now called the Green Neighbor Festival
 - 1. Has transitioned from one forum at the College to an outdoor festival at Baker Park
- B. Opportunity to educate and demonstrate sustainable practices with the community
- C. Offered tour of newly renovated Culler Lake with stations around the lake
 - 1. Performed sunfish stocking with blue gills raised in school classrooms
 - 2. Ecofriendly vendors
 - 3. Native plant sales
- D. Approximately 1000 attendees
- E. Previous years funded through grant money from Chesapeake Bay Trust
- F. 2017 funds provided by Center for Coastal and Watershed studies, Vendor booth fees, and some sponsor ships
- G. Proposed for future events:

1. Sustainability bike tour
2. Recycling zone
3. Food vendors and music
4. Should it be Frederick County Sustainability Day?

H. Other local festivals

1. Montgomery County Greenfest
2. Boonsboro Green Fest

I. Steps to Grow the festival

1. Looking to be County-sanctioned event
2. Expand working partnerships and get sponsors
3. Improve outreach and build vendor base
4. Advertise

IV. Upcoming Zero Waste Event

- A. Hood College, Saturday September 30
1. County developing compostable waste plan
 2. Goal to reduce landfill waste by 40,000 tons a year
 3. Meanwhile, encouraging citizens to recycle more

V. STAR Framework Review

- A. Review Goals and Objectives
1. Divide up among Commissioners based on expertise and interest
 2. Review STAR materials provided, review particular subject and be the subject matter expert in a STAR context

VI. Sustainability Awards

- A. Thoughts on future of awards
- B. Individual, Nonprofit, commercial, county department options
1. Combine with recycling awards?
 2. Tom to prepare options for future awards

VII. OSER Updates

- A. No updates this month

VIII. Commission Members Items of Interest

Joe – Suggests field trip to his property in November. PACE starting October 17. Considering making his entire campus powered by solar.

Tim – Montgomery County adopted the International Green Construction Code. Sets requirements for new home building. Has two grandkids who entered baked goods at the fair and won blue ribbons.

Tom – Planting more trees in Thurmont to replace ash trees killed by the Emerald Ash Borer.

Liz – Member of Frederick County Beekeeper Association. Attended the booth at the fair this year.

Rachel – Tiny house moving forward.

Ron H – Continued discussion of loss of bees. Bees are suffering from loss of flower diversity.

Kathy – EV work group meeting today. Working towards programs to initiate rate based investment in EV charging infrastructure.

Ron K – 120+ EV cars attended Poolesville Day event. Part of an international EV week. Solar tour of green tours coming up Oct 7 and 8. Ron's house is on the tour. Solartour.org

Public Comments

Annie Jones – ELI panel on energy transition and hydrokinetic energy. ELI.org released legal toolbox to help MD with flooding in a changing climate. 1730 M Street, Washington DC, Ste 700

Mark Sanke – Works in industrial air pollution control. Interested in energy and environmental framework.

Action Items:

8-18-16. Choose water quality/watershed indicators to help develop sustainability goals.

10-10-15. FCSC committees: Invite community volunteers to join.

10-8-15. County Green Teams: Ron has assembled a comprehensive list that includes municipalities with teams and contact information shown.

Adjournment: Following a motion, which was seconded and unanimously approved, the meeting was adjourned at 5:04 pm.